(xiii) Funding of the NHDP Projects under SARDP-NE and in Jammu and Kashmir with Additional Budgetary Support (ABS) over and above the cess that the Government provides to NHAI on a yearly basis.

(xiv) 'In Principle' approval of the Government Support to the NHAI for:—

a. Issuance of Tax exempted bonds.

b. Guarantee cover to the Borrowing Plan of NHAI.

c. Out of the borrowing approval of Rs. 30,000 crores earlier provided to Indian Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL), Rs. 10,000 crores under the fiscal stimulus package will be transferred to NHAI, as per the its borrowing requirement.

d. Assistance in negotiating non-sovereign multilateral loans from World Bank, ADB, JBIC etc. by providing back to back support, if necessary.

e. Providing a Letter of Comfort from Ministry of Finance confirming the availability of Cess at least till 2030-31.

Ghost employees of MCD

†*382. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total number of employees including officers in MCD is 1,27,094;

(b) if not, then the correct number and the system in place to record the attendance of employees coming to work;

(c) the number of officers and staff engaged in this system;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there are 22,853 ghost employees who do not turn up for work but get monthly salary; and

(e) if so, the facts in this regard and the number of officers and employees suspended for this scam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has Informed that as per the details furnished by the Drawing and Disbursing Officers in the month of July, 2009, the total number of employees working in the MCD is 1,27,094.

(b) For recording the attendance of the employees of the MCD, the Corporation has introduced the Bio-metric Finger Scan Time Attendance System.

(c) The MCD has informed that the total number of employees who have enrolled in the

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aforementioned System is 79,559. This does not include 24,682 employees of the Education Department of the MCD, which is not covered under the System.

(d) and (e) The gap between the information furnished by the Drawing and Disbursing Officers and Heads of Departments and the number of employees enrolled under the Biometric attendance system is 22,853. However, the actual number of non-existent employees, if any, and action in this regard against the delinquent officials depends upon the outcome of the detailed enquiry, initiated by the MCD in the matter.

Child labour in bidi industry

†*383. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the childhood of millions of children engaged in bidi industry in the country is in danger;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far by Government to protect the children engaged in the bidi industry of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) and (b) As per the Census 2001, the number of children working in Pan, bidi and cigarettes industry was 2,52,574 in the country.

(c) The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children below the age of 14 years in bidi making and Tobacco processes. Government is implementing the National Child Labour Scheme for the rehabilitated children withdrawn from work where they are provided with bridging education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health care facilities etc.

Assent to Anti-Goonda Bill, 2009

*384. SHRI P. KANNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received the Anti-Goonda Bill, 2009 from a State for further necessary action by the Government of India;

(b) if yes, the date of receipt of the Bill and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the present status of the Bill and by when the assent of the President is likely to be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The Government of Karnataka have forwarded the Karnataka Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Drug-Offenders, Gamblers, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders and Slum-Grabbers (Amendment) Bill, 2009, which was received on

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